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ADDIS ABABA ANNOUNCES REDUCED CURFEW HOURS

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[Text] A spokesman for the provisional military government announced today that the curfew in Addis Ababa and the surrounding areas will become effective tonight starting at midnight and continue until 0500. The curfew hours were extended from 1900 to 0500 beginning on Thursday following the abortive coup attempt by a few reactionary members of the PMAC [Provisional Military Administrative Council] on the same day. The spokesman added the midnight to 0500 curfew will remain in force until further notice.

AL-QADHDHAFI'S SFRY AMBASSADOR'S MESSAGES TO MENGISTU

Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 1700 GMT 8 Feb 77 LD/EA

[Text] Here is some late news: Lt Col Mengistu Haile Mariam, first vice chairman of the PMAC and chairman of the Council of Ministers, received at the Grand Palace this afternoon a special message from Col Muammar al-Qadhdhafi, president of the Libyan Arab Republic. The special message from Colonel al-Qadhdhafi was handed to Lieutenant Colonel Mengistu by 'Ali Muhammad 'Umaysh, Libyan ambassador to Ethiopia.

In his message, the Libyan leader confirmed that his country stands side by side with revolutionary Ethiopia and supports it in its struggle to crush internal and external enemies of the revolution. President al-Qadhdhafi also expressed to the people and government of Ethiopia his happiness at the foiling of the counterrevolutionary plot.

In a speech he made on presenting the message, Ambassador 'Umaysh explained that his country is keenly following the progress of the ongoing revolution in Ethiopia and wholeheartedly supports it. The ambassador noted that the Ethiopian revolution is being transformed from day to day by its victories and that the foiling of the counterrevolutionary plot was a great victory for the revolution. He explained that he was happy at the revolutionary step taken to thwart the plot.

Replying to the ambassador, Lt Col Mengistu Haile Mariam disclosed that the people and government of the Libyan Arab Republic have not stinted in their support for the Ethiopian revolution and expressed his gratitude, on behalf of the people and government of Ethiopia, to the Libyan leader for his message of support following the foiling of the counterrevolutionary plot. Lieutenant Colonel Mengistu confirmed to the ambassador that the provisional military government of Ethiopia will work with vigilance and determination to protect and transform the revolution of the broad masses of Ethiopia.

Also today, the Yugoslav ambassador to Ethiopia, Mr Aleksandar Vojinovic, told Lieutenant Colonel Mengistu that his country wholeheartedly supports the Ethiopian revolution. The ambassador said that the Ethiopian revolution had been transformed day by day as a result of the efforts made by the people and government of Ethiopia to strengthen it, overcoming several obstacles.

Speaking on his part, Lieutenant Colonel Mengistu said that at no time have the people and government of Yugoslavia stinted in their support for the revolution of Ethiopia and expressed his thanks to the people and government of Yugoslavia for the support they have extended to the revolution. Lieutenant Colonel Mengistu also gave the envoy a detailed account of the counterrevolutionary plot which was hatched and the steps taken to foil it.

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Present at the ceremony were Lt Col Atnafu Abate, second vice chairman of the PMAC; a member of the council; Ato Getachew Kibret, permanent secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; and Ato Tesfaye Tadesse Wolde Medhin, head of the Asian and Middle East Department in the same ministry.

#### ETHIOPIANS IN DJIBOUTI SUPPORT MENGISTU

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[Text] The General Cooperative Association of Ethiopians Living in Djibouti today sent the PMAC a message of support for the step taken against counterrevolutionaries who attempted to reverse the revolution of the oppressed masses of Ethiopia. The message sent by the association on behalf of all its members expressed the sadness of the members at the loss of progressive comrades and strong condemnation of the plotters. The message also said that the members support the revolutionary struggle being waged to achieve the goals of the revolution.

#### PEOPLES MILITIA KILL BANDITS IN BEGHEMDIR REGION

Addis Ababa Domestic Service in Amharic 0430 GMT 9 Feb 77 LD/EA

[Text] The people's militia of the outlying areas of Arbeya town, in Belesa subdistrict, Libu district, Beghemdir Administrative Region, last Sunday killed six bandits and wounded another three when a group of bandits numbering about 100 attempted to attack the town. A number of bandits were thought to have fled later after having been wounded by the people's militia.

It was also revealed that the rest of the bandits are surrounded and that they can be wiped out easily in a short time. Reports reaching us from the area confirm that the step taken by the peoples militia is exemplary to all those who wish to safeguard their revolution.

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#### DJIBOUTI DELEGATION ARRIVES IN MOGADISCIO

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[Excerpt] A joint delegation of the Djibouti pro-independence party, the Party for the Liberation of Afars and Issas [LPAI] and the parliamentary opposition group, led by LPAI President Challe Hasan Guled Abtidon, arrived in Mogadiscio today.

Speaking to SONNA [Somali National News Agency] and Radio Mogadiscio reporters shortly after his arrival, Challe Guled said that the main purpose of their visit was to facilitate a joint meeting in Mogadiscio of the LPAI, the parliamentary opposition group and the Front for the Liberation of the Somali Coast [FLCS] to discuss their common position at the forthcoming Paris conference to be held in mid-February. Challe Guled said they have also come to convey the greetings of the people of Somali Coast to Challe Mohamed Siad Barre, Somali Peoples Revolutionary Party secretary general and president of the republic, the party, government and people of the Somali Democratic Republic.

Answering a question on the outcome of the recent visit by his party's delegation to Egypt, the LPAI president described it as highly successful. The Egyptian Government has assured us, Challe Guled said, that it was deeply concerned for Djibouti's independence and valued her friendship with the people of the territory.